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Application Number: 10/009,527
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Group Art Unit: 1651
Examiner: Barnhart, Lora Elizabeth
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SIR:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the Response and Amendments Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. ☐ Other
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendments/Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Other: Petition for 3-Months Extension of Time.
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. ☐ Other
3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0622.
 - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other
 - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 905.00 enclosed.
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

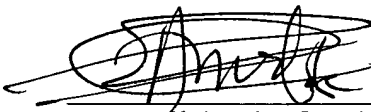
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